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It is understood that the Council of Administrators have not paid the wages to the workers with reference to the settlement, dated 27th August 1958 and that they are moving the High Court for adequate security for financing the amount required. The further developments are being closely watched by Government. The Government of India are also being apprised of the latest position and requested to take necessary action to meet any eventualities.

Cambodia Mills, Limited, Coimbatore.—The management of Cambodia Mills, Limited, Coimbatore, served notices of retrenchment to 251 badlies and discharged 96 temporary workers on 21st December 1957. The Commissioner of Labour held conciliation on 17th January 1958 and brought about a settlement. As per this settlement, the mill agreed to work three shifts of 7½ hours duration each subject to the condition that the Electricity Department accorded necessary relaxation of peak hour restrictions. The management subsequently informed the Commissioner of Labour that they could not give effect to the terms of settlement due to their inability to get relaxation of peak hour restrictions from the Electricity Department and that they have, therefore, decided to give effect to their original proposals, viz., closure of one shift and to retrench 251 badlies to avoid the total closure of the mills. Notice to 248 badlies were also issued. The workers went on a strike from 1st July 1958 protesting against the action of the management. The Government called for the parties and held a discussion at Madras on 4th August 1958. During the discussion, the Government suggested certain proposals to the parties for arriving at an amicable settlement. But the management informed the Government that the proposals suggested by the Government were not acceptable to them. After examining the question further in consultation with the Commissioner of Labour, the Government have referred the dispute for adjudication.

V.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER *RE* NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS.

MR. SPEAKER. I have fixed 5th September 1958 as the last date on which amendments for the following Bills have to be submitted to office :—

- (1) The Madras District Development Councils Bill, 1958.
- (2) The Madras City Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1958.
- (3) The Madras District Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

We have decided to take up these Bills for consideration on 8th September 1958. Members tell me that they have not got copies of the Bills. I thought that the Bills were published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and distributed to all Members. As a precaution, we give copies in the House. Members must have got copies. If they have not got, then I can think of something else. Unfortunately, I cannot extend the time for giving notice of amendments, because to-morrow and the day after are holidays. If Members do not give notice of amendments by this evening,

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how can they expect the office to reneo the amendm^{en}t^s and distribute them to Members? If they have got copies in their homes, then they have no justification to say that they had no time to look into the Bills.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Sir, the difficulty of the Members coming from the mofussil is this. Copies have been sent along with the gazette. They would have gone there after we left our homes. We are not in a position to know the provisions of the Bills. We want copies of the Bills. On receipt of copies, we shall give notice of amendments.

MR. SPEAKER : Extra copies have not yet come from the press, but they are expected within an hour or two. I shall see that they are handed over to Members this evening by putting special staff on this work. I shall see that amendments are circulated to Members.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : May we give notice of amendments till 10 o'clock to-morrow?

MR. SPEAKER : That will not be possible. To-morrow is a holiday. How do you expect the staff to work?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, we will perhaps be taking up only one Bill on Monday. With reference to that Bill, Members may give notice of amendments before this evening. We may choose one non-controversial Bill, say, the Madras District Development Councils Bill. With reference to the other Bills, Members may give notice of amendments till 12 noon on Monday.

MR. SPEAKER : Is this suggestion acceptable to hon. Members?

HON. MEMBERS : Yes, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER. I have no objection. I will extend the time for receipt of amendments to the Madras City Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1958, and the Madras District Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 1958, till 12 o'clock on the 8th on the understanding that these Bills will be taken up on the 9th or a little later. But in regard to the Madras District Development Councils Bill, 1958, hon. Members will have to give notice of amendments to-day. Hon. Members may not forget that to-morrow and the day after to-morrow are holidays.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : மூன்று தினங்களுக்குள் இந்த மசோதாக்கள் அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு கொடுக்கப்படும் என்று எதிர்பார்த்தோம். இன்றுவரையில் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை. இன்றைக்கு மசோதாக்களை வாங்கிக்கொண்டு இன்று மாலைக்குள் திருத்தங்கள் கொடுப்பது என்பது சுலபம் அல்ல. நாளைக்கு விடுமுறை நாளாக இருந்தால் கூட, பிரத்தியேக சிப்பந்திகளை வைத்துக்கொண்டு நாளை மாலை 3 மணி வரை திருத்தங்கள் கொடுப்பதற்கு காலவரையை நீடிக்கலாம் என்று நினைக்கிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : I shall look into the matter and make an announcement later.